

# FEMA Awards Nearly \$1.3 Million to Cambridge for COVID-19 Sheltering Costs

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**BOSTON** – The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending almost \$1.3 million to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to reimburse the City of Cambridge for setting up a non-congregate shelter for homeless populations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$1,295,650 Public Assistance grant will reimburse the city for operating a non-congregate shelter at the War Memorial Recreation Center between April 2020 and June 2021, as well as contracting to provide mass care; purchase food for emergency workers; and repurposing and renovating the facility.

“FEMA is pleased to be able to assist the City of Cambridge with these costs,” said FEMA Region 1 Regional Administrator Lori Ehrlich. “Providing resources for our partners on the front lines of the pandemic fight is critical to their success, and our success as a nation.”

FEMA’s Public Assistance program is an essential source of funding for states and communities recovering from a federally declared disaster or emergency.

So far, FEMA has provided almost \$1.5 billion in Public Assistance grants to Massachusetts to reimburse the commonwealth for pandemic-related expenses.

